

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Elsie Arntzen, on February 24, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Chair (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 369, 2/18/2015

Executive Action: SB 369, Do Pass; SB 278, Motion to remove from table, motion failed

00:02:10 Chair Arntzen

HEARING ON SB 369

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:23 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 369, Requiring reductions in the use of certain chemical de-icers on Montana roads.

00:03:06 Sen. Thomas entered the hearing.

[EXHIBIT\(his42a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:15 Jim Jensen, executive director, Montana Environmental Information Center

[EXHIBIT\(his42a02\)](#)

00:07:50 Sen. Sales entered the hearing.

00:08:27 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:10 Jon Swartz, administrator, Maintenance Division, Department of Transportation (MDT)

00:17:42 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

00:21:11 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

00:22:08 Larry Epstein, Montana Association of County Roads Superintendents

00:23:27 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:28 Sen. Sales

00:27:35 Mr. Swartz, MDT

00:27:52 Sen. Barrett

00:29:54 Sen. Brown

00:31:17 Sen. Barrett

00:36:28 Mr. Swartz

00:37:36 Chair Arntzen

00:39:13 Mr. Swartz

00:39:25 Sen. Vance

00:40:39 Mr. Swartz

00:40:59 Justin Juelfs, Department of Transportation

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:32 Sen. Brown

00:42:58 Chair Arntzen

00:43:26 Mr. Swartz

00:43:30 Chair Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 369

00:43:41 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 369 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:43:55 Sen. Buttrey
00:44:13 Sen. Taylor
00:44:40 Chair Arntzen
00:44:47 Sen. Sales
00:45:46 Chair Arntzen
00:45:58 Sen. Brown
00:46:28 Sen. Barrett
00:46:57 Sen. Malek
00:48:01 Sen. Whitford

00:49:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Di. Barrett, Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Malek, Sen. Sands and Sen. Whitford voting no.

00:49:47 Sen. Brown
00:50:04 Chair Arntzen
00:50:10 Sen. Barrett
00:50:31 Chair Arntzen
00:50:52 Sen. Kaufmann
00:51:05 Chair Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 278

00:51:15 **Motion:** Sen. Kaufmann moved that **SB 278 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

00:52:14 Chair Arntzen
00:52:19 Sen. Kaufmann

00:53:06 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Di. Barrett, Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Malek, Sen. Sands, Sen. Thomas and Sen. Whitford voting aye.

00:53:10 Chair Arntzen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:47 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([his42aad.pdf](#))